

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 were rejected. Claims 15 and 18 have been amended.

Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yokomizo et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,907,835 (hereinafter "Yokomizo"). Claims 6-7 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizo.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e)

Claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Yokomizo. Yokomizo discloses an electronic filing system that handles files prepared by different application programs by converting each file into the print data format used by the print driver.

Applicants respectfully submit that Yokomizo fails to disclose processing a file with a printer driver module to generate a representation having a modified format, as claimed in claims 1 and 8 and in amended claim 18. Yokomizo states:

In the present embodiment, explanation is dedicated only to a portion, exclusively used for filing of the printer driver, and such portion will hereinafter be called the "filing driver", which has the following functions:

- (1) to enable filing from a commercially available application;
- (2) the format follows that of the printer driver filing is realized by the operations identical with those in the printing to the ordinary printer from the commercially available application. More specifically, the GDI drawing commands, issued from the application, are converted into a predetermined file format and the file is stored in a hard disk. The dialog specific to the filing is displayed by the filing driver on a display (not shown);

(3) the filing driver can make access to a file server on the network, without particular consideration thereon, because the data base itself matches the network;

(4) file format:

(Yokomizo, col. 6, lines 17-34).

The filing driver emulates the printer driver, and can realize the GDI printer or the bit map printer by declaring so.

(Yokomizo, col. 10, lines 35-37).

In other words, the system of Yokomizo uses a filing driver to process a file to generate a representation having a modified format. As the filing driver emulates the printing driver, the filing driver is clearly not the same as a printing driver, but is rather a separate entity within the system. Applicants respectfully submit, therefore, that elements of claims 1, 8, and 18 are neither shown nor suggested by the cited reference. The amendment to claim 18 is supported by the specification at page 9, line 11. Claims 2-5, 9-12 and 19 depend from and further define claims 6 and 13.

Based on the amendments and arguments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1-5, 8-12, and 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 6-7 and 13-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Yokomizo. As stated above, Yokomizo does not disclose processing a file with a printer driver module to generate a representation having a modified format, as claimed in claims 6-7, 13-14, and 16-17 through their dependence on claim 1, claim 8 and amended claim 15, respectively.

Based on the amendments and arguments above, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claims 6-7 and 13-17 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

For all the above reasons, the Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

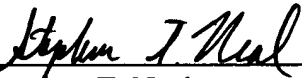
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Respectfully submitted,

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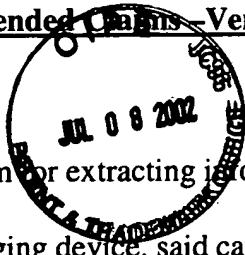
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15. A system for extracting information from a file, comprising:

a cataloging device, said cataloging device including a processor adapted to be

connected to a computer readable memory;

an extraction application module included within said computer readable memory;

an extraction printer driver module included within said computer readable memory,

the extraction printer driver module to convert printing instructions from the extraction

application module into a format for output; and

a database adapted to be connected to said cataloging device.

18. An apparatus for extracting information from a file, comprising:

a processor;

a computer readable memory connected to said processor;

an extraction application module included within said computer readable memory;

and

an extraction printer driver module included within said computer readable memory,

the extraction printer driver module to convert printing instructions from the extraction

application module into a format for output.